(c) what are the after effects o signing the GATT agreement a nd of world Trade Organisations coming into picture ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) The Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture does not use the concepts of positive and negative subsidies. The concept that has been used to measure support in favour of agricultural producers is the Aggregate Measurement of Support (AMS). AMS comprises two elements, namely, product specific AMS and non-product specific AMS. For the purpose of calculating the domestic support to agricultural producers, both product specifix AMS and non-product specific AMS shall be taken into account.

AMS is a negotiated concept designed to measure the trade distorting domestic support given to agriculture by member countries of GATT. It does not take into account a large variety of support measures for the agricultural sector. For this reason, it is not appropriate to equate the concepts of AMS and subsidies.

Some 20 developing and developed countries including the US, European Communities, Canada, Colombia, Mexico, Thailand, Korea, Brazil, Sweden, Norway, Australia, New Zealand, and Switzerland have undertaken AMS reduction commitments in their schedules filed in GATT. About 50 countries have not undertaken any reduction commitments and these included India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Chile, Egypt, Cuba, Peru and Kenya.

The Uruguay Round Agreement has not yet come into force. It is expected that the Agreement will come into force with effect from 1st January 1995.

Plants for tobacco products in Andhra Pradesh

743. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Foreign businessmen in the Tobacco Sector are setting up plants in Andhra Pradesh to make tobacco products suitable for 100 per cent export;

(b) if so, whether the availability of raw material in Andhra Pradesh has been studied by Government ;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the involvement of the Central Tobacco Research Institute in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

India International Trade Fair—94

744. SHRI K. M. KHAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the 14th India International Trade Fair opened on the 14th November, 1994 ;

(b) if so, the special features of this fair with names of Indian as well as foreign organisations which took part ;

(c) whether some norms for participation in the fair have been fixed for Indian as well as foreign organisations ;

(d) if so, details thereof with charges fixed for such participation;

(e) whether some earning has been made by organising this fair ;